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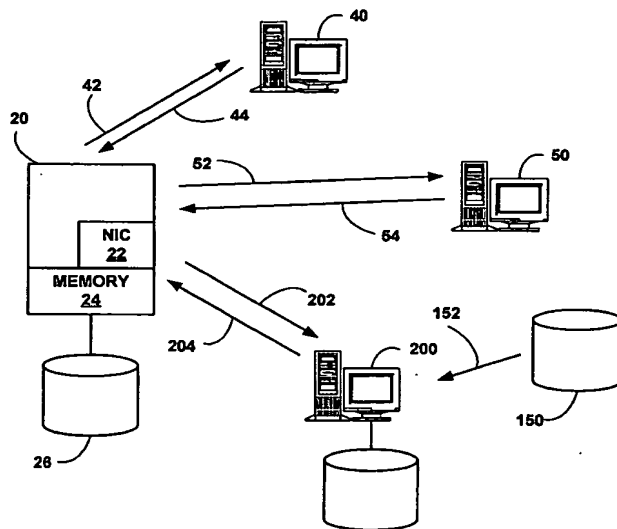
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(57) Abstract: Shown is a method and system for provisioning a target computer (20) with an operating system, which calls for booting the target computer (20) in a pre-operating system environment, collecting configuration information for the target computer (20), and transmitting the configuration information to a predetermined server (200). The approach shown also provides for searching a database (150) in the server (200) for a pre-existing operating system image corresponding to the configuration information from the target computer. If a corresponding operating system image is found, then the present approach involves transferring the pre-existing operating system image to the target computer (20) and installing the pre-existing operating system image on the target computer (20).

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